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## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions, and listings of claims in the present application.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A power supply device for supplying electric power to an electrical circuit, the power supply device comprising:
  - a power source;
  - a first divider resistor connected between the power source and a divider node;
  - a second divider resistor connected between the divider node and ground;
- a voltage comparator connected to the power source divider node for comparing a divided voltage at the divider node with a reference voltage and for outputting a control signal when the divided voltage is higher than the reference voltage; and
- a protecting switch disposed in a circuit between the power source and the electrical circuit, the protecting switch being turned off when the control signal is supplied from the voltage comparator to the protecting switch, thereby protecting the electrical circuit from overvoltage.
- 2. (Original) The power supply device as in claim 1, further comprising a voltage booster for boosting the power source voltage to a predetermined voltage level, the voltage booster being disposed in a circuit connecting the power source and the electrical circuit.